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CHEROKEE FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR PRIME MINISTER VORSTER

1. PLEASE DELIVER TO PRIME MINISTER VORSTER THE FOLLOWING  
MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: I HAVE JUST  
RECEIVED THE NEWS OF IAN SMITH'S STATEMENT AND WANT TO LET  
YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE YOUR VISION AND THE ROLE  
WHICH SOUTH AFRICA HAS PLAYED IN MAKING A PEACEFUL  
SETTLEMENT TO THE RHODESIAN QUESTION POSSIBLE. I ALSO  
APPRECIATE THE COOPERATION YOU GAVE SECRETARY KISSINGER  
DURING HIS CONSULTATIONS AND THE MANNER IN WHICH YOU  
CONDUCTED THE NEGOTIATIONS.

3. I UNDERSTAND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS CONTACTING THE  
AFRICAN PRESIDENTS WITH A VIEW TO BEGINNING NEGOTIATIONS  
OVER THE FORMATION OF AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT. WE WILL  
CONTINUE OUR SUPPORT OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S WORK  
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AND TOGETHER WE WILL SEEK THE DE-ESCALATION OF VIOLENCE.

THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTRIBUTE IN WHATEVER WAY IS  
REQUIRED TO ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME. SINCERELY,  
GERALD F. FORD. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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